Raid by income Tax officials at the premises of M/s. Mehta Industries of Bangalore

1573. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Income Tax officials raided the premises of M/s. Mehta Industries, a large industrial house of Bangalore on the 1st January, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than 300 Income Tax officials were engaged in the raid;

(c) whether the raids were simultaneously carried out at the office premises of M/s. Mehta Industries at Tumkur and Mysore also;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) whether this company also has several foreign collaboration agreements; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Income-tax Department has not conducted any searches in the case of M/s. Mehta Industries on 1st January, 1986.

(e) and (f) Three subsidiary companies of M/s. Mehta Industries have entered into collaboration agreement with foreign companies. The details are as under:—

Sl. No.	Names of the subsidiary Indian companeis	Names of the foreign companies
1	Sri Chamund swari Metal Pvt. Ltd.	Cycles Peugeot Moped France.
2	M/s. Deepak Insulated Cable Corpn. Ltd., Bangalore	M/s. Showa Electric Wire and Cable Co. Ltd., Tokyo, Japan.
3	M/s. Karnataka Ball Bearings Corpn, Ltd.	M/s. Mitchi-Fuji kosh Corpn. Ltd., Japan

Tobacco Crop affected by 'White Fly'

1574. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of tobacco crop was badly affected by the spread of 'white fly' during the current year;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment of the losses suffered as a result thereof;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to provide relief to the tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) An area of about 46,000 hectares of tobacco Crop was affected by the spread of 'White Fly' during October-November, 1985.

(b) to (d) Due to plant protection measures taken by the farmers and on receipt of rains in December, followed by favourable weather conditions later, the crop recovered considerably. However, the early planted crop in an area of about